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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, SHUM, SREF

SUBJECT: ALLEGED ATROCITIES IN CHILE

REF: SANTIAGO 6416 AND 6573

1. WE WELCOMED YOUR EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF THE DOCUMENT PROVIDED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN BY SENATOR PELL IN EARLY JUNE.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED YOUR EVALUATION WITH SENATOR PELL'S OFFICE. THEY AGREE THAT SINCE THE DOCUMENT IS TO A GREAT EXTENT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, IT HAS TO BE HANDLED WITH RESERVATIONS.

3. NONETHELESS, THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO FURTHER PRESS AND CONSTITUENT INQUIRIES REGARDING THE DOCUMENT. THEY FEEL OBLIGED TO SAY SOMETHING ON WHAT THE SENATOR'S OFFICE HAS FOUND OUT ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS. WE WERE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE A SANITIZED VERSION FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE POINTED TO THE OBVIOUS DANGER OF COMPRO-
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MISING EMBASSY SOURCES AS WELL AS THE EMBASSY ITSELF. WE

NOTED THAT ANY GENERAL CHARACTERIZATIONS WOULD PROMPT REBUTTALS. WE SAID THEY WOULD BE QUESTIONED CLOSELY ON THE BASES FOR THEIR CONCLUSIONS; THEY WOULD BE PRESSED TO CITE THEIR SOURCES.

4. THE UPSHOT WAS THE SENATOR'S OFFICE ASKED US TO DO OUR BEST. WE SAID WE WOULD CONSULT WITH YOU TO SEE IF AN A0BBREVIATED, SANITIZED VERSION WERE POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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